

Application No. 10/800,426

Reply to Office Action

REMARKS*Discussion of Claim Amendment*

Claim 161 has been amended to delete certain luminescent colorants so as to expedite the prosecution of the application. The Advisory Action acknowledges that cyanines, porphyrins, and oxazines recited in claim 161 are known in the art to emit in the IR region. As regards claim 115, since this claim is dependent upon claim 2, claim 115 has been maintained. The Advisory Action indicates that claim 115 is one of the claims which would be allowable (see numbered item 6). No new matter has been added.

The Advisory Action

The Advisory Action alleges that claim 161 included new matter. Applicants have amended claim 161 as discussed. In view of the foregoing, the new matter rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The application should be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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